LEBANON

ACTION TAKEN FOLLOWING THE MASSACRES AT SABRA AND CHATILLA

1) An International Commission to enquire into reported violations of International Law by Israel during its invasion of the Lebanon was set up under the chairmanship of Sean MacBride, the former Irish Minister for External Affairs. This Commission was supported by the Islamic Council. The Report, published in February 1983, concluded that Israel did violate International Law and also that Israel was "involved in the planning and preparation of the massacres and played a facilitative role in the actual killings".

2) "The Battle for Beirut", a film of the Israeli invasion concluding in the massacres, commissioned by the Islamic Council. See separate synopsis.

3) The Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation.
Discussions took place and the Islamic Council actively supported efforts to set up a tribunal into events in the Lebanon. This initiative is continuing.

4) The London Interfaith Group on the Labanon.
Set up at the instigation of David Astor, a former owner of the Observer newspaper, this group comprises leaders of various religions including